

Page 2, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 5, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 6, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 16 as follows:

--16. (amended) A frame for use in loading groups of battery plates into respective cells in a box, comprising a plurality of spaced walls having a width and defining respective group receiving spaces, the walls being moveable away from and towards each other to allow groups to be inserted in the spaces and subsequently grippingly retained therein and compressed by the walls, and guide means<sup>4b</sup> mounted at a lower end of the walls to locate in the cells and form a continuous surface with the walls, wherein the guide means extend across the full width of the walls, cells or groups, and the groups may be loaded from the frame whilst still under compression.--

Amend claim 17 as follows:

--17. (amended) A frame as claimed in claim 16 further comprising stop means for each space insertable between a respective pair of walls into the respective space

to locate a bottom edge of a group when the group is placed into the space.--

Amend claim 18 as follows:

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~~--18.~~ <sup>3</sup> (amended) A frame for use in loading battery plates into respective cells in a box, comprising a plurality of spaced walls defining <sup>plate</sup> group receiving spaces, the walls being movable away from and towards each other to allow groups to be inserted into the spaces and subsequently grippingly retained therein by the walls; and removable stop means for each space insertable between a respective pair of walls into the respective space to locate a bottom edge of a group when the group is placed into the space.--

Amend claim 19 as follows:

~~--19.~~ <sup>3</sup> (amended) A frame as claimed in claim ~~18~~ <sup>3</sup> wherein the stop means locate the group against downward movement and lateral movement relative to a mid-plane of the group.--

Amend claim 21 as follows:

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~~--21.~~ <sup>3</sup> (amended) A frame as claimed in claim ~~18~~ <sup>3</sup> wherein the stop means provide orthogonal abutments and are rotatable about an axis adjacent to an intersection of the abutments.--

R E M A R K S

The application has been amended as needed so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.